CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

—OF THE—

CANADIAN

PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Instituted at Kingston, Sept. 27th, 1859.

BOWMANVILLE, ONT.:
THE SUN STEAM PRINTING HOUSE.

1884.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. I.—This Society shall be known as The Canadian Press Association.

ART. II.—The Association shall consist of contributing members, viz. : Publishers, Proprietors and Editors of newspapers, actively engaged in business as such, and of such Honorary Members as the society may from time to time elect, but no one holding a financial interest merely, or occupying the position of a stockholder or silent partner, or of an editorial or news-contributor, shall be eligible for election to this Association.

ART. III.—The officers shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary-Treasurer, an Assistant-Secretary, and an Executive Committee consisting of the office-bearers, the retiring President and five unofficial members, all of whom shall, in the event of more than one nomination for any office, be elected annually by ballot. Five of the Executive Committee to form a quorum.

ART. IV.—*Sec. 1.*—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association and Executive Committee, submit all motions in order, and otherwise discharge the duties of his office according to usage. In the absence of the President one of the Vice-Presidents in order of seniority shall preside.

Sec. 2.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer (aided by the Assistant-Secretary) to keep the minutes of each meeting, have charge of the books of record and other documents belonging to the association, conduct all correspondence connected with the affairs of the association, notify members of the time and place of meeting, and have charge of all moneys or other property of the Association, and disburse the same upon the order of the President. He shall also report to the annual meeting the number of members and the financial position of the Association, with such remarks as he considers of advantage to the welfare of the Association.

Sec. 3.—It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to prepare business for the Association, to report to the annual meeting upon nominations of candidates that may have been submitted, to investigate all cases of infraction of the Constitution and By-laws and report the result of such examination at the first succeeding annual meeting of the Association, and transact such other business as they may deem necessary in the interests of the Association.

Sec. 4.—The actual necessary outlay of members of the Executive Committee in attending regularly convened meetings in the interest of the Association shall be defrayed out of the general funds, on the order of the President or acting chairman of such meeting.

Sec. 5.—Meetings of the Executive Committee may be convened by the President on his own motion; or the President or Secretary shall call a meeting on the requisition of three members of the Committee, of which meeting timely notice shall be forwarded to each member of the Executive Committee.

ART. V.—Ten members shall constitute a quorum of the Association for the transaction of business.

ART. VI.—The privilege of voting on all matters affecting the interests of this Association, or the business arrangements of newspaper proprietors, shall be confined to the active members of the Association. No member shall have more than one vote in such matters.

ART. VII.—Members of the Association of ten years standing upon severing their connection with the active duties of the press, may, upon application, be elected honorary members of the Association, on payment of the annual fee; but such honorary members shall not have the privilege of taking part in the active business of the Association unless upon invitation of the President so to do. It shall be the duty of members, upon withdrawing from

active newspaper duties, to communicate such fact to the Secretary of the Association.

ART. VIII.—Applications for membership shall be made in writing, addressed to the Secretary, not later than the first day of June in every year. The Secretary shall forthwith submit to the Executive Committee the names of candidates for membership, and if their report is favorable he may issue an interim certificate entitling the holder to the privileges of the Association until the annual meeting, at which meeting all such applications shall be submitted for approval or rejection; but candidates who have only become eligible for membership subsequent to the first day of June in any year may be nominated at such meeting, and such nomination referred to the Executive Committee, and should their report be favorable the candidate may be at once admitted to membership as prescribed by Art. IX.

ART. IX.—The election of members shall be by ballot at the annual meeting, and a two-thirds favorable vote shall be necessary to admission.

ART. X.—The admission fee of the Association shall be four dollars, and thereafter an annual fee of one dollar shall be contributed by each member in advance. The privileges of membership shall not be extended to any member in arrears for fees.

ART. XI.—Any member two years in arrears for dues shall be specially notified thereof by the Secretary, and if such arrears are not cancelled pre-

vious to the succeeding annual meeting, the name of such delinquent shall be erased from the books of the Association.

ART. XII.—Any member not in arrears for dues may at any time sever his connection with the Association by notifying the Secretary, in writing, of his desire so to do.

ART. XIII.—The Executive Committee shall have power, and it shall be their duty, to withdraw the privileges of the Association from any member who may, during any annual excursion, conduct himself in an unbecoming manner, calculated to bring discredit on the association.

ART. XIV.—This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting of the Association, provided notice of the proposed amendment has been given in the circular calling such annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

ART. I.—Every member found guilty of violating the rules of the Association, or any one of them, may be reprimand or expelled, as the nature of the offence may warrant.

ART. II.—*Sec. 1.*—The meetings shall be held at such places as may be determined upon by vote of the members at the regular annual session.

Sec. 2.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to publish a notice of the time and place of meeting, in a general manner through his own paper, at least two weeks before the time of such meeting, all members of the association to copy the same. The Secretary-Treasurer shall also send to the members circulars with the programme of proceedings at least a fortnight before the meeting, together with a statement of the arrearages, if any, of the members to which such circulars are sent.

Sec. 3.—The Editors of the place at which the annual meeting of the association is to be held shall be a local committee of arrangements.

Sec. 4.—Members of this Association may procure for the *bona fide* reporters engaged on their newspapers, certificates entitling them to such railway and other travelling privileges as are enjoyed by the members of the Association, upon payment of one dollar per annum for each certificate. Only one reporter from each such office is to be allowed on the annual excursion. Upon such reporter leaving the service of the member of the Association through whom his certificate was procured, such certificate shall become void, and will not be renewed except on a new application.

Sec. 5.—Any person holding a travelling certificate under the rules of this Association, either as member or reporter, who shall transfer his certificate or otherwise abuse his privileges under it, shall have such certificate recalled and his membership cancelled.

REGULATIONS.

The order of business shall be as follows :

1. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
2. Reception of communications.
3. Unfinished business.
4. Programme of business prepared by Executive Committee.
5. Election of officers for ensuing year.
6. Selection of the next place of meeting.
7. New business.

OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The primary object aimed at in the establishment of the Canadian Press Association was that of creating more intimate relations, socially, among the editorial fraternity of Canada, and by bringing together annually members of the Fourth Estate in a reunion where party differences should be forgotten and social acquaintanceships formed, thereby tend to check the asperities which unfortunately too often were apparent in the discussion of public questions, and banish as far as possible the bitterness of tone which characterised the public press. The first meeting in the interest of such an association was held in the city of Kingston on September 27th, 1859, and since that time an assemblage of members of the editorial profession has been held annually, attended in many instances with beneficial results. Up to 1863 the attendance was numerically meagre, but commencing with this period an excursion to some point or points of interest was

added as an attendant on the annual meeting, and the privilege of attending the annual Press excursion was extended to the ladies of members. Thenceforward the annual gathering was looked forward to with increased interest, and the knowledge particularly of the more important sections of our own country, gleaned during these yearly trips, has proved a valuable aid in dealing practically with many public questions. Subjoined will be found a record of the location of each annual meeting and the officers elected thereat.

1859.

Meeting for Organization at Kingston, September 27th.

W. Gillespy, President.
J. G. Brown, 1st Vice-President.
Josiah Blackburn, 2nd Vice-President.
Thomas Sellar, Secretary and Treasurer.
D. McDougall, Honorary Secretary.
Geo. Sheppard,
James Seymour,
James Somerville,
Thomas M Intosh,
John Jacques.
} Executive Committee.

1860.

Second Annual Meeting at Toronto, September 19th.

W. Gillespy, President.
D. Wylie, 1st Vice-President.
D. McDougall, 2nd Vice-President.
Thomas Sellar, Secretary and Treasurer.
J. E. P. Doyle, Honorary Secretary.
C. J. Hynes,
A. McLachlan,
James Somerville,
Josiah Blackburn,
W. G. Culloden,
} Executive Committee.

1861.

Third Annual Meeting at London in September.

W. Gillespy, President.
D. McDougall, 1st Vice-President.
Rufus Stephenson, 2nd Vice-President.
Thomas Sellar, Secretary.
J. E. P. Doyle, Honorary Secretary.
J. G. Brown,
D. Wylie,
M. Coldwell,
A. McLachlan,
J. W. McLean,
} Executive Committee.

1862.

Fourth Annual Meeting at Toronto, September 23rd.

D. McDougall, President.
D. Wylie, 1st Vice-President.
Thomas White, 2nd Vice-President.
Thomas Sellar, Secretary.
M. Bowell, Honorary Secretary.
W. Gillespy,
J. Young,
J. A. Campbell,
W. T. Cox,
R. E. O'Connor.
} Executive Committee.

1863.

Fifth Annual Meeting at Toronto, November 20th.

D. Wylie, President.
Thomas White, 1st Vice-President.
M. Bowell, 2nd Vice-President.
Thomas Sellar, Secretary
J. A. Campbell, Honorary Secretary.
A. McLachlan,
James Seymour,
W. Wallace,
Geo. McMullen,
W. T. Johnson,
} Executive Committee.

1864.

Sixth Annual Meeting at Belleville, November 24th.

Thomas White, President.
M Bowell 1st Vice-President.
Thomas Sellar 2nd Vice-President.
James A. Campbell, Secretary and Treasurer.
W. T. Cox, Honorary Secretary.
D. Wylie,
T. Messenger,
J. Somerville,
A. J. Belch,
J. Laing,
} Executive Committee.

1865.

Seventh Annual Meeting at Brockville, September 6th.

M. Bowell, President.
Thomas Sellar, 1st Vice-President.
J. A. Campbell, 2nd Vice-President.
W. T. Cox, Secretary and Treasurer.
W. Buckingham, Honorary Secretary.
T White,
D. Wylie,
John Siddons,
J. Somerville,
W. M. Nicholson,
} Executive Committee.

1866.

Eighth Annual Meeting at Montreal, August 22nd.

Thomas Sellar, President.
James A. Campbell, 1st Vice-President.
W. T. Cox, 2nd Vice-President.
W. Buckingham, Secretary and Treasurer.
S. I. Jones, Honorary Secretary.
E. Jackson,
W. M Nicholson,
A. J. Belch,
C. B. Robinson,
R. Romaine,
} Executive Committee.

1867.

Ninth Annual Meeting at Goderich, August 7th.

J. A. Campbell, President.
W. T. Cox, 1st Vice-President.
Robert Boyle, 2nd Vice-President.
E. Jackson, Secretary and Treasurer.
A. J. Belch, Assistant Secretary.
W. M. Nicholson,
C. H. Hull,
J. McLagan,
J. Hogg,
J. Cameron,
} Executive Committee.
Essayist.—John King, Berlin.
Poet.—David Wylie Brockville.

1868.

Tenth Annual Meeting at Collingwood, July 10th.

Wm. Buckingham, President.
Robert Boyle, 1st Vice-President.
W. M. Nicholson, 2nd Vice-President
E. Jackson, Secretary and Treasurer.
H. Hough, Assistant Secretary.
R. Mathison,
A. McLean,
J. K. Mason,
J. Cameron,
C. B. Robinson,
} Executive Committee.

1869.

Eleventh Annual Meeting at Cobourg, July 20th.

D. Wylie, President.
J. Cameron, 1st Vice-President.
A. J. Belch, 2nd Vice-President.
E. Jackson Secretary and Treasurer.
J. Somerville, Assistant Secretary.
R. Mathison,
W. Gillespy,
W. Halley,
W. Buckingham,
J. S. Gurnett,
} Executive Committee.

1870.

Twelfth Annual Meeting at Brantford, July 19th.

E. Jackson, President.
Jas. Somerville, 1st Vice-President.
A. McLean, 2nd Vice-President.
W. Buckingham, Secretary and Treasurer.
A. J. Belch, Assistant Secretary.
R. Mathison,
W. R. Climie,
R. Mathieson,
J. Parnell,
W. Gillespy,
} Executive Committee.

1871.

Thirteenth Annual Meeting at Toronto, July 18th.

Jas. Somerville, President.
Rev. W. F. Clarke, 1st Vice-President.
E. Miles, 2nd Vice-President.
R. Mathison, Secretary and Treasurer.
H. Hough, Assistant Secretary.
W. Gillespy,
E. Jackson,
A. Maclachlan,
M. Bowell,
J. Smith,
} Executive Committee.

1872.

Fourteenth Annual Meeting at Bracebridge, July 10th.

John Cameron, President.
J. Innes, 1st Vice-Pres dent.
W. R. Climie, 2nd Vice-President.
H. Hough, Secretary and Treasurer.
J. G. Buchanan, Assistant Secretary.
Rev. W. F. Clarke,
J. Smith,
T. Messenger,
W. H. Hacking,
E. Jackson,
} Executive Committee.

1873.

Fifteenth Annual Meeting at London, September 24th.

Rev. W. F. Clarke, President.
H. Hough, 1st Vice-President.
A. Mathieson, 2nd Vice-President.
J. G. Buchanan, Secretary and Treasurer.
Jno. Maclean, Assistant Secretary.
Jas. Somerville,
E. Jackson,
P. Burke,
John Cameron,
M. Bowell, M. P.,
} Executive Committee.

1874.

Sixteenth Annual Meeting at Toronto, July 21st.

H. Hough, President.
A. Mathieson, 1st Vice-President.
John Smith, 2nd Vice-President.
J. G. Buchanan, Secretary and Treasurer.
Jno. Maclean, Assistant Secretary.
W. R. Climie,
Jas. Innes,
Jno. Cameron,
E. Jackson,
F. J. Gissing,
} Executive Committee.

1875.

Seventeenth Annual Meeting at Hamilton, July 20th.

John Cameron, President.
C. D. Barr, 1st Vice-President,
D. McCullough, 2nd Vice-President.
J. G. Buchanan, Secretary and Treasurer.
Jno. Maclean, Assistant Secretary.
E. Jackson,
A. Matheson,
Jas. Somerville,
W. R. Climie,
Goldwin Smith,
} Executive Committee.

1876.

Eighteenth Annual Meeting at Toronto, June 30th.

C. D. Barr, President.
D. McCullough, 1st Vice-President.
J. G. Buchanan, 2nd Vice-President.
W. R. Climie, Secretary and Treasurer.
F. J. Gissing, Assistant Secretary.
H. Hough,
A. Matheson,
Jas. Somerville,
E. Jackson,
Jas. Shannon,
} Executive Committee.

1877.

Nineteenth Annual Meeting at Toronto, August 13th.

Jas. Innes, President.
Jas. Shannon, 1st Vice-President.
A. Matheson, 2nd Vice-President.
W. R. Climie, Secretary and Treasurer.
F. J. Gissing, Assistant Secretary.
H. Hough,
Jno. Cameron,
J. B. Trayes,
J. Somerville,
E. Jackson,
} Executive Committee.

1878.

Twentieth Annual Meeting at Guelph, July 9th.

Jas. Shannon, President.
Goldwin Smith, 1st Vice-President.
J. B. Trayes, 2nd Vice-President.
W. R. Climie, Secretary and Treasurer.
C. B. Robinson, Assistant Secretary.
H. Hough,
N. King,
A. Matheson,
E. Jackson,
C. D. Barr,
J. Innes,
} Executive Committee.

1879.

Twenty-first Annual Meeting at Kingston, July 22nd.

A. Matheson, President.
J. B. Trayes, 1st Vice-President.
E. J. B. Pense, 2nd Vice-President.
W. R. Climie, Secretary and Treasurer.
Geo. Tye, Assistant Secretary.
C. D. Barr,
H. Hough,
E. Jackson,
Jas. Innes,
C. B. Robinson,
Jas. Shannon,
} Executive Committee.

1880.

Twenty-second Annual Meeting at Toronto, August 5th.

J. B. Trayes, President.
E. J. B. Pense, 1st Vice-President.
Geo. Tye, 2nd Vice-President.
W. R. Climie, Secretary and Treasurer.
A. J. Matheson, Assistant Secretary.
C. D. Barr,
H. Hough,
E. Jackson,
Jas. Innes,
C. B. Robinson,
Jas. Somerville,
A. Matheson,
} Executive Committee.

1881.

Twenty-third Annual Meeting at Port Hope, August 2nd.

E. J. B. Pense, President.
Geo. Tye, 1st Vice-President.
A Blue, 2nd Vice-President.
W. R. Climie Secretary and Treasurer.
A. J. Matheson, Assistant Secretary.
C. D. Barr,
H. Hough,
E. Jackson,
Jas. Innes,
C. B. Robinson,
J. Somerville,
J. B. Trayes,
} Executive Committee.

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1882.

Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting at Toronto, August 22nd.

Geo. Tye, President.
C. B. Robinson 1st Vice-President.
G. R. Pattullo, 2nd Vice-President.
W. R. Climie, Secretary and Treasurer.
J. B. Trayes, Assistant Secretary.

C. D. Barr,
H. Hough,
E. Jackson,
Jas. Innes,
H. Smallpeice,
W. Watt,
E. J. B. Pense,
} Executive Committee.

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1883.

Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting at Montreal, August 7th.

C. B. Robinson, President.
G. R. Pattullo, 1st Vice-President.
J. A. Davidson, 2nd Vice-President.
W. R. Climie, Secretary and Treasurer.
J. B. Trayes, Assistant Secretary.

Geo. Tye,
E. J. B. Pense,
C. D. Barr,
H. Hough,
W. Watt,
H. E. Smallpeice,
Jas. Somerville,
} Executive Committee.

Yellowstone Park
Robinson, Pr.
1884

1884.

Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting at Toronto, August 1st.

G. R. Pattullo, President.
J. A. Davidson, 1st Vice-President.
W. Watt, 2nd Vice-President.
W. R. Climie, Secretary and Treasurer.
J. B. Trayes, Assistant Secretary.

Geo. Tye,
E. J. B. Pense,
C. D. Barr,
H. Hough,
H. E. Smallpeice,
Jas. Somerville,
C. B. Robinson,
} Executive Committee.

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1885
Pattullo. Pres?